

# State Government Fiscal Transparency

STATE ADMINISTRATION

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## Sample of State fiscal transparency websites

Alaska	<a href="http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/checkbook_online/index.jsp">http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/checkbook_online/index.jsp</a>
Kansas	<a href="http://www.kansas.gov/kanview/">http://www.kansas.gov/kanview/</a>
Missouri	<a href="http://www.mapyourtaxes.mo.gov">www.mapyourtaxes.mo.gov</a>
Oklahoma	<a href="http://www.ok.gov/okaa/">http://www.ok.gov/okaa/</a>
South Carolina	<a href="https://ssl.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency/BudgetTransparencyMain.aspx">https://ssl.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency/BudgetTransparencyMain.aspx</a>
Texas	<a href="http://www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/pendlist/cashdrill.php">http://www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/pendlist/cashdrill.php</a>
Virginia	<a href="http://datapoint.apa.virginia.gov/">http://datapoint.apa.virginia.gov/</a>
US Government	<a href="http://www.usaspending.gov/">http://www.usaspending.gov/</a>

Websites are being established in Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana\*, Kentucky\*, Louisiana\*, Maryland\*, Minnesota, Mississippi\*, Nebraska, Nevada\*, South Dakota\*, Utah and Washington\*. Website legislation is before the legislature in Illinois, Tennessee, Wyoming and Montana. (\*websites accessible)

## Fiscal Note

I would like the opportunity to submit comments on the fiscal note when I've had the chance to review it.

## Functionality

The website user should be able to find the following information quickly and easily.

### Big Picture

- who spent it - expenditures for each agency for the current year to date and most recent completed year;
- what was it spent on - the amount expended on each broad expenditure category such as employee compensation, operating expenses, grants, equipment, etc;
- where it came from - the amount of revenue from each broad revenue category such as taxes, federal grants, licenses, investment earnings, etc;
- who was paid - the total amount paid to any specified vendor;

More specifically, provide information to users regarding:

- amount spent from each state treasury account (highways special revenue, FWP general license, Healthy Montana Kids, state lottery, etc);
- the amount spent on each detailed expenditure category (gasoline, printing, building rent, assistance to school districts, computer equipment, etc);
- revenue from each detailed revenue source (income tax, accommodations tax, gasoline tax, coal tax, liquor sales, fishing licenses, etc);
- names of vendors and amount each was paid statewide, by each agency, from each account;
- identify every employee in an agency by job title and name and show their compensation;

Interrelationships (relating different pieces of detailed information)

- the amount spent from a specific state treasury account for each detailed expenditure category (amount from Healthy Montana Kids for salaries, health services, grants, etc);
- the amount of revenue received by each state treasury account from a specified revenue source (amount of coal tax deposited in each account sharing this revenue, etc);
- names and amount paid to each vendor for a specified detailed expenditure category of a selected agency (construction contracts of the Department of Transportation, advertising for the state lottery, etc)

Surveys by Montana Policy Institute indicate potential users are interested in specific and detailed information.

**All data to provide the information listed above currently exists in state accounting and human resource systems.**